

Support Material for Agenda Item No. 26

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Location:
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
First Floor Lobby Board Room
Santa Fe Depot, 1170 W. 3rd Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council of Governments

26. San Bernardino Council of Governments Services and Member Dues and Amendment No. 4 to Joint Powers Authority Agreement

That the Board, acting as the San Bernardino Associated Governments:

A. Accept Council of Governments (COG) Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to increase work capacity, including adding staff, and increasing the budget of the San Bernardino COG (SBCOG) by increasing the cost to each agency by the 50% Population/50% General Fund Tax Revenues per Table 2.

B. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for the Joint Exercise of Powers relative to the San Bernardino Associated Governments, SANBAG JPA to amend language concerning the method by which member agency dues are assessed, as proposed in Exhibit 1.

The PowerPoint Presentation is attached.

SBCOG Services and Member Dues

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Who is SBCOG?



Collective Voice for San Bernardino County

- 24 cities and towns
- 5 county supervisorial districts
- Governed by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)
- Strong regional, state and national partnerships

Funding

- Membership dues
- Supplemental program funds

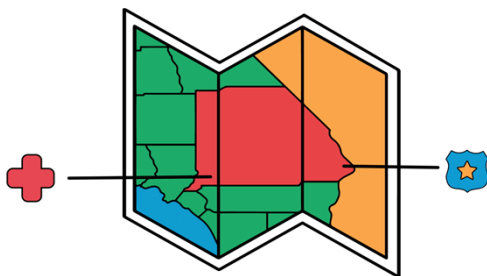
Why is SBCOG Important?

Fills in the Gaps for Local Agencies

- Environment (e.g. GHG/Climate Action Plans)
- Housing
- Active transportation
- Public safety
- More

Projects/Programs

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan & EIR
- Housing Element Updates
- City/County Conference
- Emergency Comm. Nurse System (ECNS)
- Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN)
- SMART County Master Plan
- GHG Reduction Plan and EIR
- CPRG Program Lead
- Grant assistance, EV Master Plan, more



Emergency Communications Nurse System (ECNS)

Program

- RNs assess 9-1-1 calls for response type

Cooperative and Funding Partnerships

- SBCOG, CONFIRE, County Fire Chiefs Association, and Inland Empire Health Plan

Results

- Decrease in dispatched ambulances
- More ambulances available for emergencies
- Provided low acuity patients to the correct point of care
- No negative patient outcomes



ECNS Statistics



Caller Residence	% of Calls
High Desert	72.7%
Low Desert	13.9%
West Valley	6.8%
East Valley	6.6%

**Represents program at approximately 20% Capacity due to staffing. At full capacity, CONFIRE has approx. 1200 ECNS eligible calls per month.*



Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN)

Partnerships

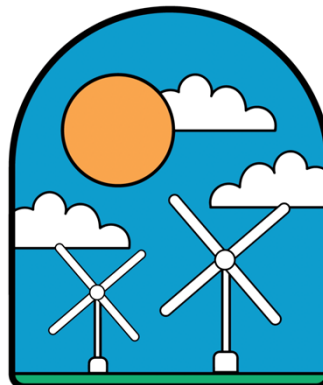
- SBCOG, CVAG, and WRCOG

Focused On

- Energy efficiency
- Equitable access to clean energy
- Supporting local jurisdictions
- Stakeholder resources

Key Programs

- Public Sector Program
- Workforce Education and Training
- Codes and Standards





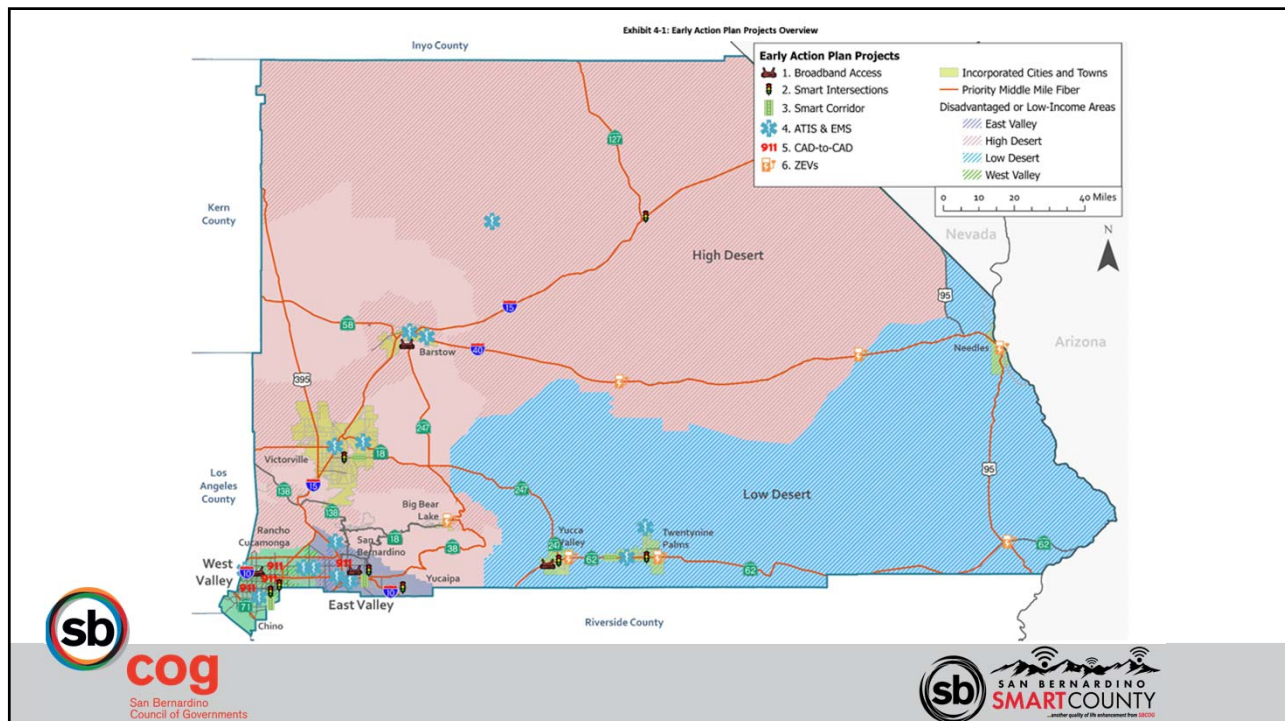
Smart County Master Plan (SCMP)

What is the SCMP?

- Roadmap for improving the region's communications and technology infrastructure

Goals

- Improve technology infrastructure
- Address growing technology needs
- Equitable resource distribution
- Share information/break down silos
- Serve the county and all jurisdictions



Grant Opportunities

Grant Assistance

- SBCOG identifies opportunities and provides grant assistance to its member agencies

Proven Results

- \$46 million to date
- \$19 million since July 2023
- \$2 million awaiting award
- \$10 million under development
- ROI for members is \$68: \$1

Examples

- Sustainability Planning
- Sustainable Communities Program
- Active Transportation Program
- REAP



Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant

REAP 1.0 (2020)

- Approval of Housing Elements
- Sites Inventory and Analysis
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Capacity Analysis
- Environmental Justice Toolkit
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing/Housing Discrimination Toolkit
- Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit

REAP 2.0 (2023)

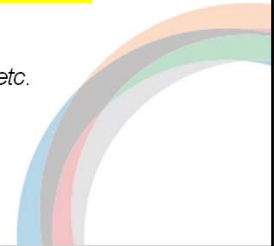
- County Transportation Commission Partnership Program
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Bank
- Subregional Partnership Program 2.0
- Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program
- Funding for Lasting Affordability/Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing



Grant Funding Statistics

Subregion	General Grant Funds	*REAP 1.0 Funds	REAP 2.0 Funds
County-Wide	\$5,392,818	N/A	\$7,679,885
High Desert	\$12,169,317	\$640,847.2	\$2,500,000
Low Desert	\$325,317	\$640,847.2	\$2,012,513
West Valley	\$12,344,000	\$640,847.2	\$3,953,000
East Valley	\$2,044,000	\$640,847.2	\$1,506,787
Total	\$32,275,452	\$2,563,390	\$17,652,185

**REAP 1.0 Housing Element assistance was provided to cities that requested it.
Other REAP 1.0 programs/funding were spread out in county-wide programs, toolkits, etc.*



Expanding the SBCOG role

Essential Changes for Sustainable Growth



Why Are These Changes Important?

Projects and Programs

- Continuance of current projects/programs
- New ones (baseline and subscription)

Funding

- Be more competitive on grant funding for the region, county, and JPA members

Filling in the Gaps

- Continue to fill in the resource gaps for member agencies
- Identify and fill in additional gaps

Collaboration

- Continued regional collaboration
- Speak with a louder regional voice



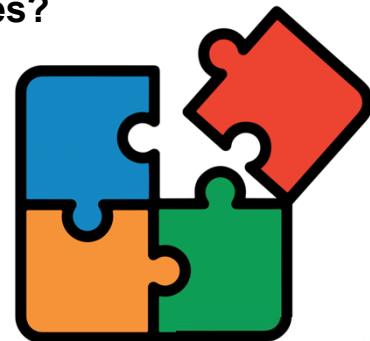
Why Are We Proposing the Funding Changes?

Ad Hoc

- July 2023 Board direction
- Analyzed WRCOG, CVAG, and SGVCOG

Regional COG Budgets

SGVCOG	\$4,139,806
WRCOG	\$2,306,943 (will be increasing)
CVAG	\$2,819,659
Average	\$3,088,803
SBCOG	\$658,092



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What are the Proposed Changes to the Funding Structure?

Existing Conditions

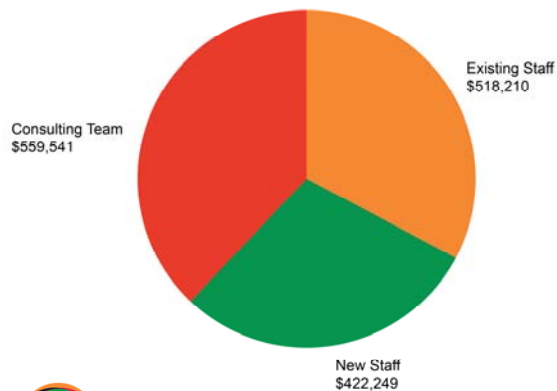
- 50% population / 50% assessed valuation
- Flat rate increase since 2016
- Supplemental funds from HERO (now expended)

Proposed Changes

- Baseline services and optional subscription services
- JPA has to be modified: dues calc. will now be contained in policy to improve flexibility
- Update dues to 50% population / 50% general fund base sales and property tax revenues
- Annual cost increase according to consumer price index or 2%, whichever is less



SBCOG Baseline Budget/Costs \$1.5 million



New Fund Allocations

Baseline Budget

- Increase budget from \$658,000 to \$1.5 million

Staff

- Increase staff from 1.3 to 3
- Staff areas:
 - Project management
 - Liaison
 - Regional advocacy
 - Grant writer/coordinator

Resources

- More consultant support

Timeline of Changes

January 3, 2024

January – April 2024

July 1, 2024

Board Approval



City Council and
County Board of
Supervisors
Presentations/
Approval



New Dues
Begin



Thank You

Questions?

